

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a listing of the claims in the application with claim 2 shown as amended.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A disk drive unit for reproducing information recorded on a digital versatile disk (DVD), the disk drive unit comprising:

a copyright management information reading unit for reading copyright management information from a predetermined location on a DVD loaded into the disk drive unit;

a first determining unit for determining whether or not protection exists for contents of the loaded DVD using the copyright management information read from the loaded DVD by the copyright management information reading unit; and

a playback speed control unit for adjusting a playback speed of the loaded DVD to a transfer rate at which an upstream device can obtain video data, when it is determined that the contents of the loaded DVD are protected using the first determining unit and to a substantially different playback speed when it is determined that the contents of the loaded DVD is not protected.

2. (currently amended) A disk drive unit for reproducing information recorded on a digital versatile disk (DVD), the disk drive unit comprising:

a directory information reading unit for reading directory information recorded by a file system of ISO9660 or UDF from ~~a predetermined location on~~ a DVD loaded into the disk drive unit;